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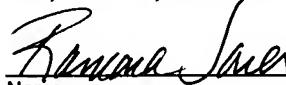
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REMARKS

In the Official Action of December 13, 2005, a three-way requirement was made between the following groups of claims:

Group I, claims 3,4, 8-16, 20-21, 24-25 were identified as drawn to a microscope stage assembly, etc., classified in Class 359, subclass 393 and Class 74, subclass 422;

Group II, claims 2, 5-7, 19, 22-23 also drawn to a microscope stage assembly, etc., classified in Class 108, subclasses 20 and 137 and Class 474, subclass 148, and

Group III, claims 17, 26-34 also drawn to a microscope stage, etc., including the ergonometics of the stage, classified in Class 359, subclass 391.